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The Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover

has been notified that the

proceedings of the Superior Court of New Hanover

were brought to a standstill yesterday for the

absence of the Clerk and his deputy.

Mr. W. H. Gerken, acting as temporary

deputy, but the Court directed

him to search the minutes and ascertain

if there was a record of his appointment.

Mr. Gerken went down to the Clerk's office to make the search,

but soon returned and reported that

he could find no such entry on the minutes.

Nothing was done with the docket

until the regular deputy, Mr. Bishop,

came in and took his place at the

desk. Mr. Bishop was suffering

from the effects of recent illness which

was his excuse for his absence from

the court.

On the morning of yesterday the following

attorneys were present:

Mr. Bishop, Mr. Gerken, Mr. Bishop,

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became of the original rule for contempt,

the copy and the order of the court:

[COPY.]

Personally appeared before me S. H.

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tion of a short walk on yesterday (July 4th) has been confined to his home by sickness, and he had no information whatever of a rule which had been entered or made by the Honorable Court, on Monday, the 3d day of July, until the copies was served on him this morning. And further, this affiant disclaims any intent on his part to violate or disobey any mandate or order of this Honorable Court, made in these proceedings or in any other case, and he further disclaims any guilty knowledge or intent in concealment or destroying, or neglecting to docket the bill of indictment aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed before me July 5th, 1876.

ALMUND A. MCKOY, Judge 4th Judicial District of N. C.

His Honor then stated that he had no apology to offer to Mr. Bishop for having entered the rule and directing his arrest. If there had been twenty deputies he would have had the rule served on each of them so as to have no excuse for the missing paper.

The case was the most outrageous which he had ever known in a court of justice. The instances of documents and papers being missing from their proper places on the files of this Court were becoming too frequent. Not long since an affidavit was taken against Jesse J. Cassidy for missing a bill.

Mr. Solicitor Norment was then called upon to state if he had anything to say as to the rule against Mr. Bishop. In reply he stated that he knew nothing to connect Mr. Bishop with the missing document, but on the contrary had always found him to be an efficient officer, and attentive to his official duties.

His Honor then read the following entry which he had made on the record-book as given above:

On the answer of the defendant Bishop filed herewith, it is ordered that the rule be discharged and the defendant be discharged.

The case against Mr. Heaton is still pending, and will come up for a hearing, probably, this morning.

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relieves it of a particle of its enormity. As has, in Sheriff Manning and Mr. Gerken are to be believed, readily and contemptuously and continuously set on public defiance the most peremptory process of the Court of which he is an officer and deserves therefor the severest measure of punishment the law can inflict, for the reason that if such conduct be permitted, all respect for the Court will be utterly cease wherever the fact shall be known. But these are not the days of the Golden-Kirk war. Nor have we upon the bench a Judge in whose hands the power of the Judiciary is likely to become exhausted. The times have changed and our judges have changed with them and for the better, too.

THE REGATTA ON WRIGHTSVILLE SOUND.

Third Annual Regatta of the Carolina Yacht Club—The First Race of the Season—Beneficial Day—Wrightsville Sound—Shady Point and Greensville Yacht Club—The Races—Continued Fourth—July, etc., etc.

DEAR GENTLEMEN—A pleasure to promise that, should we hear or see a sound item, we would tickle our imagination and communicate the same, we doff our coat and proceed in due and timely form.

There is no doubt but that the imagination (as many Fourth of July seekers think) has much to do with our lives, and occasionally permitting it to roam at large, selecting all the flowers of the state of the mind, and out and delight the most fastidious. We will not deal with fiction, however, for our present standpoint, Money Island, we have ample view to see the waves of the broad Atlantic and behold him tossing his foaming crests under the lash of the still-blowing breeze.

The bride-groom sea is toying with the shore—

And in the fullness of his marriage joy He decorates her towering bow with shells, Then, proud, runs up to kiss her—

and, at the time, view our noble little band, the regatta fraternity, with their yachts moored at the metropolis of the banks, "whose frescoed ceilings and architectural magnificence" proudly smile upon the gathered multitude.

We listen to the cherry ocean echoes whose salutes fall upon the sun-baked banks. All hail to this our centennial race, this our gala day and our regatta fraternity.

The past few hot and fervid days of June, by the aid of old Jupiter's chariot in freaks and antics of electric fluid, assisted by the countless number of "dew drops" has left a coolness in the strong south-west breeze that rustles with the leaves and bows on the marshy plains, the waving grass in the sound, and makes the sparkle of the blue water refreshing to behold.

Although the clouds of this Fourth of July celebration at noon were tinged by the rising sun, indicating rain, yet

"O'er the sky The silvery haze of summer drawn"

and stiffness in the bright noon air, in which every object then stood out clean, silenced all their threatening aspects, leaving old Sol to display his brilliancy on this all important occasion; where all who are so happy as to see and applaud the exertions of the day.

But hark! the ceaseless hum of the loom, the chirp of the grasshopper and the whirr of the bird, yea, even the restless cattle have ceased to feed on the marshy sound of Wrightsville plains, for all who "have eyes to see or ears to hear" have turned attention to the "metropolis of the banks" to learn the cause why so many white-winged forms and such general commotion. All is soon explained; the stentorian voice of one of the judges is heard in *admiral's* style. The judges were Colonel Donald McFay, W. H. Bernard and James McFay French, and honest hearts did see that the rules and laws were properly administered at this, our third annual race of the Carolina yacht club.

Three years ago to-day but seven (7) yachts, in wretched condition as to size and build, were numbered in the fleet, in fact, during the first racing season of the club, there were but two in the fleet that were actually in first class order, while to-day the boats that have entered to combat for the three prizes, are all of the first class, and the rules sailing, will compare favorably with any yacht club in the country. It is a matter of congratulation to the Carolina regatta fraternity for the manner in which they have thus, in so few years, accomplished so much. Much could be said of the two new Wilmington yachts, the Frolic and Lizzie, whose plans were drawn and executed under the hands of Wilmington gentlemen making *Mr. D'Neane* of art, that will challenge the skill of any sea board community.

At ten minutes after four o'clock the order was given to start when the yachts left their mooring in the following order, and number of minutes or seconds after each other, according to their length, and carrying on their sails the number by which they are known when they entered the club:

No. 3—Bessie Lee—Sailed by O. A. Wiggins, time 4:10.

No. 19—Spray—Sailed by E. S. Latimer, time 15 seconds.

No. 7—Fannie—Sailed by I. B. Gwinger, time 42 seconds.

No. 22—Rosa—Sailed by J. W. Caxaux, time 53 seconds.

No. 23—Lizzie—Sailed by John J. Fowler, time 7 seconds.

No. 10—Qui Vive—Sailed by W. A. Wright, Jr., time 25 seconds.

No. 13—Carolina—Sailed by Ed. Kidder, time 40 seconds.

No. 20—Ripple—Sailed by Norwood Giles, time 17 seconds.

The Empie and Marion did not arrive in time to enter the race. The Frolic having met with serious disaster over from Mansboro to Wrightsville, did not report damage in time to enter.

The first buoy was rounded in the order in which all the yachts left their mooring. Before reaching the second buoy the Spray had capsized and the Bessie Lee withdrew.

Coming up the Banks channel after the second buoy had been rounded, the yachts were as follows: Ripple, Rosa, Fannie, Lizzie, Qui Vive, Caro-

lina. On rounding the second buoy near the inlet the Carolina nearly filled with water and withdrew from the race. The Fannie, however, rounding the first buoy and lost at least two minutes in time. The Rosa had to leave to and bail on the port tack while going down on the first round. The Qui Vive withdrew from the race on the second round. The Ripple did very fine sailing. The Lizzie was *foaled* by the Fannie and greatly delayed, and although the Fannie came in third best, she having violated the laws of the club, lost the prize. The course of eight miles long having been sailed, with but the slight accident, happening to the crafts which we have mentioned, each sailed up to the starting post in the following order and time:

Ripple.....5:50.
Rosa.....6:02.
Fannie.....6:05.
Lizzie.....6:10.

The honored flag, until the next race, will be carried at the masthead of the Ripple.

The prizes offered, three in number, were then awarded.

To the Ripple was awarded the first prize, a handsome silver pitcher, she having sailed the course in 1 hour and 37 minutes.

To the Rosa was awarded the second prize, a beautiful silver butter dish. The prize was received by Judge A. A. McKoy (in behalf of the Captain, owner of the Rosa), with becoming modesty and grace.

To the Lizzie was awarded an elegant silver goblet, for reasons stated above, and was received by Mr. Peck in his own terse way, which was listened to and applauded.

The prize awarded to the Ripple was received by Dr. G. W. Thomas, ever ready with the brilliant wit and humor in receiving the prize, in behalf of Mr. Giles of the Ripple, gave us a most sparkling little speech, replete with all the elements of a post prandial orator.

Like all happy events after a successful contest so was this day's enjoyment to end—where the old and young, the gay and happy—members and not members of the Regatta Club, could add another reminiscence in the history of pleasant events of the day.

In this centennial year there has been just completed a pleasant resort on the Masonboro beach a large commodious one-story wooden building about 30x40—here they met, and met after the race, met with smiling faces and beautiful rosy cheeks to enjoy the compliments of the day either in social dance or a tete-a-tete upon the ocean beach. And as the bright and beautiful forms tripped along so lightly and gracefully by the light of the silvery moon, methought they be sylphs who had but left the aerial region and sprites from the realms of old Neptune who had come on an excursion to captivate some of the bird-souls.

Strolling along the beach on a moonlight night, or walking in the woods of the inlet, is of the perfect enjoyment when we can see the reflected images of the evening stars play "hide and seek" upon the rolling waves (or shall we say walking waves?)

But such lovely scenes must have the end—scenes of wonder and scenes of admiration—for as the silvery moon began to seek her western couch the gold of morning, Phoenix-like, peeps aloft from her eastern throne, and with rosy fingers dropping gentle dew, rises above the broken waves, giving and smiling good-morning, with only a summer current to wait us all to our respective homes—

In memory never to be forgot: The Fourth of July race and the Centennial hop.

Mac.

The Fourth Hour—The Day was observed.

The first hundred years of the existence of the American Republic has passed into history. How nearly the Republic as it exists to-day is like that which existed at the ratification of the Federal constitution is a question for the consideration of every one who is acquainted with its early history, and has the capacity to comprehend the present position it occupies at home and in the family of nations. It would be no part of our purpose to make the comparison were competent. For we have anything to do, or care, for the passing events of the day, with the glowing patriotism which warmed the hearts of our Revolutionary sires upon every recurrence of the anniversary day on which the little band of patriots who, as the representatives of the thirteen feeble colonies, declared those colonies to be free and independent States. That has been the theme of the Fourth of July orator since a year or ninety-nine years. Neither is it incumbent upon us to speak of the prolonged and terrible conflict which came near resulting in the establishment of a Southern confederacy. These years of war, diplomacy, and statesmanship, together with their fields of carnage and glory, their stories of hardship and suffering, their tales of oppression and distress which resulted to the people of the South on the defeat of the Southern arms. All these have been passed over and are subjects for the historian's pen. The Constitution of 1789 was ratified in Congress by the Representatives of the original thirteen States. The same constitution, in letter, together with the amendments which were the creatures of the late conflict, is to-day the constitution of thirty-eight States and nine territories. All over the land the people of these thirty-eight States and nine territories